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AMENDMENTS

The claim amendments below are not believed to include any new matter and are believed to be fully supported by the specification. More specifically, the language added to claim 1 is found in claim 3 and support for such an amendment may be found at paragraph [0028], FIG. 3, and other places in the application.

What is claimed is:

1. (*Currently amended*) A piggable flowline-riser system comprising:

a) a Y joint having a stem, a first branch, and a second branch;

b) a riser in fluid communication with said stem of said Y joint;

c) a looped flowline in fluid communication with at least one production well, wherein said looped flowline has a first end and a second end, said first end in fluid communication with said first branch of said Y joint, and said second end in fluid communication with said second branch of said Y joint; and

d) a gas injection line connected to and in fluid communication with said riser, wherein a pig inserted into said riser is transported through said looped flowline and returned into said riser.

2. (*Original*) A piggable flowline-riser system according to claim 1, further comprising:

e) a first shut-off valve disposed in said first branch of said Y joint and a second shut-off valve disposed in said second branch of said Y joint.

3. (*Currently amended*) A piggable flowline-riser system according to claim 2, further comprising:

f) a pigging fluid injection line connected to and in fluid communication with said first branch of said Y joint, wherein the pig is transported upon selective actuation of said shut-off valves, said gas injection line and said pigging fluid injection line~~, a pig inserted into said riser is transported through said looped flowline and returned into said riser~~.

4. (*Original*) A piggable flowline-riser system according to claim 1, further comprising:

e) a first shut-off means disposed in said first branch of said Y joint and a second shut-off means disposed in said second branch of said Y joint.

5. (*Original*) A piggable flowline-riser system according to claim 4, further comprising:

f) a means of gas injection connected to and in fluid communication with said riser.

6. (*Original*) A piggable flowline-riser system according to claim 5, further comprising:

g) a pigging fluid injection means connected to and in fluid communication with said first branch of said Y joint, wherein upon selective actuation of said shut-off means, said means of gas injection and said pigging fluid injection means, a pig inserted into said riser is transported through said looped flowline and returned into said riser.

7. (*Original*) A method for pigging a flowline-riser system, said flowline-riser system including a Y joint having a stem in fluid communication with a riser and two branches, each of said branches in fluid communication with one of the ends of a flowline loop, said flowline loop being in fluid communication with at least one subsea production well, said riser having a gas injection line connected to and in fluid communication with said riser, said method comprising:

a) ceasing hydrocarbon production from said at least one subsea production well,

b) injecting a pig into said riser,

c) passing said pig from said riser through said Y joint and into said looped flowline,

d) returning said pig from said looped flowline into said Y joint, and

e) passing said pig from said Y joint into said riser.

8. (*Original*) The method of claim 7, wherein said pig is injected into said riser from a host production facility.

9. (*Original*) The method of claim 7, wherein said pig passes through said Y joint by selective activation of a pair of shut-off valves disposed within said Y joint.

10. (*Original*) The method of claim 7, wherein said pig passes through said Y joint by selective activation of a pair of shut-off means disposed within said Y joint.

11. (*Original*) The method of claim 7, wherein said pig is aided through said looped flowline by injecting pigging injection fluid into said Y joint.

12. (*Original*) The method of claim 7, further comprising injecting lift gas into said riser prior to injecting said pig into said riser.

13. (*Original*) The method of claim 7, further comprising injecting lift means into said riser prior to injecting said pig into said riser.

14. (*Original*) The method of claim 7, further comprising injecting lift gas into said riser after injecting said pig into said riser.

15. (*Original*) The method of claim 7, wherein said hydrocarbon production is continued from said production well after said pig passes said production well.

16. (*Original*) The method of claim 7, further comprising producing hydrocarbon resources from said at least one subsea production well.

17. (*Original*) The method of claim 16, further comprising transporting said produced hydrocarbon resources to land.